

Unattended Children Policy

The Kaubisch Memorial Public Library encourages children of all ages to use its facilities, services and resources. While the Library staff is concerned about the safety and well-being of children visiting the Library, they do not act *in loco parentis*. Parents and guardians are ultimately responsible for the safety, behavior, and supervision of their children at all times in the Library, on Library property, or at any Library-sponsored function.

When visiting the Library, children under the age of 8 **must** be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible caregiver age 13 or older.

Older children and teens are welcome to use the Library unattended, provided they are able to maintain proper Library behavior and leave promptly at our closing time. Children using inappropriate behavior will be informed of the Library's Patron Code of Conduct. If the inappropriate behavior continues, the child will be asked to leave the Library. If the child refuses to leave, the Police will be contacted. Children who are in chronic violation of the policy may be banned for a period of time and/or may be required to have a parent or guardian accompany them to the library.

- If a child arrives to the library unattended, they are expected to be able to leave the library unattended, especially in poor behavior situations.
- If a child under the age of 8 is left unattended in the Library, staff will contact police, if necessary.
- Under **NO** circumstances should a staff member drive a child home or anywhere away from the library.
- Notify the director, if possible, any time the police have been called.

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